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SUBJECT: LOS: GOJ PUBLIC POSITION

1. ON EVE OF NEW YORK SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE GOJ HAS BRIEFED PRESS CAREFULLY ON JAPANESE POSITION. EMBASSY SEES NO SURPRISES, AND PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS SIMPLY TO ACQUAINT DEPARTMENT WITH MAIN POINTS OF CURRENT GOJ POSITION AS PRESENTED TO DOMESTIC AUDIENCES. DISCUSSION BELOW IS DRAWN FROM MAINICHI AND NIHON KEIZAI ACCOUNTS WHICH APPEARED FEB. 27; EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CABINET ON MARCH 9 APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATION IN GENERAL ACCORD WITH PRESS ACCOUNTS.

2. GENERAL POSTURE. GOJ HAS SIGNALLED THAT TIME HAS COME TO BOW GRACEFULLY TO THE INEVITABLE, IN VIEW OF EMERGENT CONSENSUS REPRESENTED IN SINGLE TEXT. GOJ HAS TOLD PRESS THAT IN INTEREST OF ACHIEVING CONSENSUS IT WILL MAKE MAXIMUM FEASIBLE CONCESSIONS (E.G., ON 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE) BUT
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WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT HARD FOR PROVISIONS WHICH LIMIT

DAMAGE TO JAPANESE INTERESTS.

3. COMMITTEE I ISSUES: GOJ HAS TOLD PRESS IT CAN ACCEPT "AS FAR AS FORM IS CONCERNED" PRINCIPLE OF DIRECT DEVELOPMENT OF SEABEDS UNDER INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY, BUT SEEKS ARRANGEMENT WHICH IN SUBSTANCE PERMITS SECURE AND LITTLE-FETTERED ACCESS TO SEABED RESOURCES BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE UNDER CONTRACTS WITH AUTHORITY.

4. COMMITTEE II ISSUES: PRESS REPORTS GOJ NOW DISPOSED TO ACCEPT 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, AND UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS AS A PACKAGE. HOWEVER, IT FIRST WISHES THAT: (A) NOTION OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT; (B) THERE BE AN "ADEQUATE AND OBJECTIVE DEFINITION" OF ARCHIPELAGOES; (C) AN UNIMPEDED TRANSIT REGIME BE APPLIED TO ARCHIPELAGOES. GOJ FURTHER ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SECURING IN LOS TREATY EXPLICIT GUARANTEES OF ACCESS TO LIVING RESOURCES OF ECONOMIC ZONES BY TRADITIONAL FISHERS. GOJ WILL REITERATE ITS OBJECTIONS TO EXTENSION OF COASTAL STATES' JURISDICTION OVER RESOURCES OF CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES, POINTING OUT DIFFICULTY OF DEMARCATING LIMIT OF SHELVES. HOWEVER, PRESS SAYS GOJ IS PREPARED TO COMPROMISE ON FORMULA WHICH PROVIDES THAT THESE AREAS BE CONTROLLED BY INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY AND REVENUES FROM THEM BE SHARED GLOBALLY.

5. COMMITTEE III ISSUES: GOJ RESTATED TO PRESS THOROUGH-GOING OPPOSITION TO NOTION OF VESTING COASTAL STATES WITH RIGHT TO CONTROL NAVIGATION IN ECONOMIC ZONES FOR PURPOSE OF POLLUTION CONTROL. IT INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT GOJ CAN ACCEPT SUCH CONTROLS IN NARROWER BAND AS PROPOSED BY FRANCE IF INTERNATIONALLY UNIFORM STANDARDS ARE ESTABLISHED. GOJ REITERATED NECESSITY OF MAXIMUM FREEDOM FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.
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